



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – July 20, 2017

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present were: Selectmen Kathleen Rybarz, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Robert Christie; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Carol Korty, Alida Liberty, Parks Commission Chair Cathi Goebel, and Stacey Curtis.

Agenda Review – Ms. Korty said she was present to address Bloomfield Park and an issue concerning Frenchman Bay.

Minutes – June 22, 2017 – Bob moved to approve the minutes as written. Gary 2nd.
Vote in favor was 5-0.

Expenditure Warrant 27 – There were no questions regarding warrant 27 for Fiscal Year 2016/17 which was signed prior to the meeting in the amount of \$67,401.72.

Expenditure Warrant 1 – There were no questions regarding warrant 1 for Fiscal Year 2017/18 which was signed prior to the meeting in the amount of \$379,238.39.

Expenditure Warrant 2 – Selectmen signed warrant 2 in the amount of \$101,882.95. Stu noted that most of the expenditures were for schools and filling in the road shoulders on the recently paved road. He noted that he had to move funds from the investment management accounts to cover the various warrants.

Cash & Budget Reports – Selectmen reviewed the reports for Fiscal Year 2016/17 and 2017/18. Nathan noted that excise tax collections have slowed a bit since the first of July.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen signed a statement expressing satisfaction with their review of the reconciliation of the checking account. Information regarding the reconciliation had been e-mailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Encumbrance Order Revision – Stu reported that he'd failed to book the work done on Gully Brook Road on the previously signed order, and the matter before the board tonight includes that. Nathan moved to sign the revised order, Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the revised order.**

Excise Tax Report – Jo noted that excise tax collections were about 25% higher than budgeted. Stu said the final figure was about \$75,000 more than budgeted.

Audit Management Representation Letter – Nathan moved to sign the letter indicating that James Wadman CPA is the town's auditor. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Jo signed the letter.**

Tax Liens – Stu reported that property tax liens will be filed next week. He said he expects about 70 liens to be filed.

Bloomfield Park – Carol Korty said she's concerned about the water quality at Blunt's Pond and said the town should check it. She said the Parks Commission has made Bloomfield Park attractive, but more people are using it, and it seems crowded, and that raised her concerns about water quality. She proposed testing the pond three times a year.

Ms. Korty asked if use could be restricted to town residents only. She said the State Park staff has encouraged visitors to use the pond for swimming. She said neighbors have reported a drug use problem at the park, and suggested hiring a part time warden to monitor activity, and asked about a surveillance camera. Stu reported the Park Commission authorized a camera and it just arrived and is in his office.

Ms. Korty said more money should be put into maintaining the park. Alida Liberty said she would like to see the park patrolled by police. Parks Commission Chair Cathi Goebel said she has talked with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency and both encouraged calls when things are happening. She said consistent reporting of inappropriate activity is more effective.

Stacey Curtis suggested a fact finding mission to determine how many people the park can hold, and to test the water. He said there is a lot of traffic. He said a car counter might be effective, and encouraged more signage, since the current sign is not very visible. Bob asked Mr. Curtis how long he's lived near the park. Mr. Curtis said since 1978. Bob said he's seen an increase in negative issues at the park. Mr. Curtis noted that the lily pads by the snowmobile club are gone and he has lots of questions. Ms. Korty asked what the source of water re-charge is for the pond and a brief discussion followed.

Nathan noted that the Parks Commission is responsible for the land portion of the park, the water is the state's responsibility. A brief discussion of great ponds followed. He said the park hours are dawn to dusk, and there needs to be a better way to make sure the park is not used at night, because there is bad stuff going on. Ms. Liberty asked if it was feasible to install a gate. Jo noted that the layout is really challenging and said even if the park were not there, stuff would still happen. She said water quality is a concern. Nathan said parking spaces should be better defined. Jo asked about motion activated lights. A discussion about electricity and security followed.

Jo said the issues are frustrating and there would be no way to enforce a limitation to resident use only. She said water testing is doable, but would like some advice on security. Stu said he would be happy to speak with the Sheriff. Kathleen suggested a neighborhood watch. Gary said the town had constables years ago, but now they would have to be fully trained, and that's cost prohibitive. A brief discussion followed regarding law enforcement.

Jo said the concerns seem to be security and clean water. Nathan said it would be good to discourage illicit drug use. Discussion followed about electricity and gates. Kathleen suggested establishing a task force to look at the issues and to fund it next year. Bob

said water quality is an immediate need. He suggested getting information from the state in regard to water quality and a recommendation from the Sheriff. Mrs. Goebel said the surveillance camera will be installed shortly. Stu offered to speak with the sheriff. Jo said she would consult her husband about a car counter. Mr. Curtis said perhaps something for next year's budget would be in order. Bob said a follow up to this should be on a future agenda.

Frenchman Bay – Ms. Korty said she's concerned about a possible pier in Bar Harbor to accommodate cruise ships. She said the town will be sorry in another 20-years, but Lamoine has no say about what Bar Harbor does. She said the town should put pressure on Bar Harbor about the environmental impact of a pier. She said towns around Frenchman Bay need to thoroughly investigate the matter, and it's a world-wide issue.

Bob said the Comprehensive Planning Committee is concerned about clam flats and is addressing that. Nathan said any project in Bar Harbor will have a lot of oversight before it proceeds. Ms. Korty said she has nightmares about it. Bob said all the towns on MDI are dealing with cruise ships.

Small Animal Clinic Contract – Gary moved to sign the sheltering contract with the Small Animal Clinic. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the contract.**

Salt/Sand Shed Damage – Stu reported engineer Jim Kiser was here on Tuesday and will produce a written report with recommended repairs.

Returnables Request – Nathan moved to award the returnable for November 2017 to the Lamoine/Bayside Grange. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Water Testing Results – Stu reported the results from the residential well testing this year were in the Selectman packets and were similar to previous years.

Gott – Excavation to town boundary – Stu reported an e-mail from the Planning Board Chair earlier today indicates this is no longer an issue.

Electronic Sign – Stu reported he visited the Belgrade town office and observed how that sign worked. He said he would like to contact NeoKraft which had submitted the only bid within budget. There was no objection from the board.

Alternate – Conservation Commission – Nathan asked if an alternate was needed. Kathleen answered that the position opened up when the Board appointed Jeff Cosulich as a full commission member. Jo moved to appoint Diane Nicholls as the alternate member of the Conservation Commission. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Mud Creek Park – Stu reported both the Parks Commission and Conservation Commission have communicated to the Board of Selectmen recommending the project move forward. Nathan said he would like to see a proposed budget. Stu said it would be

helpful to ask Fred Stocking what happens next, and to ask the Parks Commission for a budget.

Pole Permit Request – Gary moved to approve a request for a pole permit on Buttermilk Road. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Jo signed the permit.**

Roads – Stu reported McMullen Landscape had completed filling in the shoulders after paving on both Mill and Shore Road. He said a ditch on Lorimer Road has standing water because culverts and a ditch downstream are clogged. He asked for permission to contact Richard McMullen to fix the situation. Nathan moved to approve. Kathleen 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Lamoine Quarterly – Stu reported the paper is done, he will make one correction Kathleen picked up on, and encouraged Selectmen to quickly send any other corrections, as he would e-mail it to the printer tomorrow.

Cable TV – Stu reported the Technology Committee has recommended using Sewall Company to assist with cable build-out projects, but not with the franchise agreement. There was no objection to proceeding in that direction.

Local Road Assistance – Kathleen moved to sign the Maine DOT Local Road Assistance acceptance form. Nathan 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen sign the form.**

Transfer Station Fill In – Stu reported that Chris Meyer could use another person to fill in as needed at the transfer station. Selectmen requested that an advertisement for such be made.

Tax Commitment – Stu reported the tax rate set by the Board of Assessors this week was 10.7 mills, tax bills went out starting today.

Letter to the County Commissioners – Jo moved to sign a letter to the Hancock County Commissioners opposing a plan to remove the county's public safety answering point at the Hancock County Regional Communications Center and hiring Penobscot County to answer the calls. Nathan 2nd. Stu noted the fire chief had requested such a letter earlier in the day. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the letter.**

Next meeting dates – The Board set the regular meetings for August 3, September 7 & 21, and October 5 & 19.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.